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## EX-CIA CHIEF SAYS HE WARNED RUSSIA IN 2016

Former CIA director John Brennan said that he had seen signs of possible collusion between Moscow and President Donald Trump's 2016 election campaign that merited investigation, and had warned Russia last year about meddling in the election. Brennan, who left as CIA chief when Trump took office in January, said it became clear last summer Russia was trying to interfere in the election,



and he warned the head of Russia's FSB security service that such interference would hurt U.S. ties. U.S. intelligence agencies concluded in January that Moscow tried to tilt the election in Trump's favor, including by hacking into the emails of senior Democrats. **REUTERS**

## US, EU MEET ON AVIATION SECURITY

U.S. and EU officials meet in Washington this week for further talks on aviation security, as the EU braces for an extension of a cabin ban on large electronic devices to U.S.-bound flights from Europe. The EU has over the last two weeks given the U.S. information about measures taken by the EU to improve security and has raised the safety risks posed by having large numbers of devices with

lithium-ion batteries in the hold. The EU fears the United States has already made up its mind to extend the ban on flights from Europe to the United States and has told airports and airlines to be prepared, according to notes from a meeting, seen by Reuters, in which the European Commission debriefed industry representatives and member states on the result of talks with the United States. **REUTERS**

## UBER INADVERTENTLY UNDERPAID NYC DRIVERS

Uber Technologies Inc. said on Tuesday it underpaid its New York City drivers for the past two-and-a-half years, an error that could cost the ride-hailing company tens of millions of dollars. Uber generally takes a commission from its drivers after deducting taxes and some fees, but it instead took a higher percentage from its New York City drivers using the full fare before accounting for sales taxes and



fees, according to The Wall Street Journal, which first reported the news. Uber usually takes a 25 percent commission from U.S. drivers under a November 2014 nationwide driver agreement, the report said. The company could pay drivers back at least \$45 million, averaging at about \$900 per driver, the Journal reported. **REUTERS**

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4 A woman is consoled as she looks at the floral tributes following an evening vigil outside the Town Hall on Tuesday in Manchester, England.

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Fox News host Sean Hannity pushes conspiracy theory connecting DNC staffer's murder with Wikileaks email dump  
Fox News retracted a May 16 story peddling the theory, but one of their star hosts is still talking about it. **metro.us**

## COURT: WIKIPEDIA CAN PURSUE NSA LAWSUIT

5 A federal appeals court Tuesday revived a Wikipedia lawsuit that challenges a U.S. National Security Agency program of mass online surveillance, and claims that the government unconstitutionally invades people's privacy rights. By a 3-0 vote, the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, said the Wikimedia Foundation, which hosts the Wikipedia online encyclopedia, can pursue

a challenge to the government's "Upstream" surveillance program. The decision could make it easier for people to learn whether authorities have spied on them through Upstream, which involves bulk searches of international communications within the internet's "backbone" of cables, switches and routers. Upstream's existence was revealed in leaks by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden in 2013. **REUTERS**

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# Britain raises threat level, braces for risk of more attacks

The UK increased its nationwide security level to 'critical,' meaning another attack could be imminent.

Britain has increased its security threat level to "critical," meaning that another attack could be imminent, following Monday night's suicide bombing that killed 22 people, Prime Minister Theresa May said in a televised statement.

"It is a possibility we cannot ignore that there is a wider group of individuals linked to this attack," May said. "It is now concluded, on the basis of today's investigations, that the threat level should be increased for the time being from severe to critical. A further attack may be imminent."

May said that members of the armed forces would boost security at key sites and military personnel might be deployed at public events such as concerts and sports events.

British police on Tuesday identified the suicide bomber who killed 22 people, including chil-



Police stand guard near the Manchester Arena on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

dren, in an attack on a crowded concert hall in Manchester, and said they were trying to establish whether he had acted alone or with help from others.

The man suspected of carrying out Britain's deadliest bombing in nearly 12 years was named as Salman Abedi, 22, but police declined to give further details about him.

U.S. security sources,

citing British intelligence officials, said he was born in Manchester in 1994 to parents of Libyan origin. He is believed to have traveled by train from London before the attack, they said.

"Our priority, along with the police counter-terrorism network and our security partners, is to continue to establish whether he was acting alone or working as part of a wider network," Man-



Police forensic investigators at an address in Elsmore Road, Greater Manchester, after a suicide bomber killed 22 people, including children, as an explosion tore through fans leaving a pop concert in Manchester, England. GETTY IMAGES

chester Police Chief Constable Ian Hopkins said.

The attacker set off his improvised bomb as crowds streamed out of the Manchester Arena after a pop concert by Ariana Grande, a U.S. singer especially popular with teenage girls.

Islamic State, now being driven from territories in Syria and Iraq by Western-backed armed forces, claimed responsibility for what it called a revenge attack against "crusaders," but there appeared to be contradictions in its account of the operation.

Witnesses related the horror of the blast, which unleashed a stampede just as the concert ended at Europe's largest indoor arena, full to its capacity of 21,000.

"We ran and people were screaming around us and pushing on the stairs to go outside and people were falling down, girls were crying, and we saw these women, being treated by paramedics, having open wounds on their legs ... it was just chaos," said Sebastian Diaz, 19. "It was literally just a minute after it ended, the lights came on and

the bomb went off."

A video posted on Twitter showed fans, many of them young, screaming and running from the venue. Dozens of parents frantically searched for their children, posting photos and pleading for information on social media.

The attack was the deadliest in the UK since four British Muslims killed 52 people in suicide bombings on London's transport system in 2005. But it will have reverberations far beyond British shores.

REUTERS

## Names of first victims of Ariana Grande concert explosion in UK released

The first victims have been identified after Monday's explosion at an Ariana Grande concert in Manchester, England, that killed at least 22 and left dozens injured.

Georgina Callander, 18, was the first to be identified in the aftermath. Described by friends as a "superfan" of the singer, Callander was a second-year student at Runshaw College in Leyland, USA Today reported.

Callander saw Grande at the venue just two years ago and shared a picture of herself and a friend meeting the pop star on Instagram.

"I hugged her so tight and she said she loved my



Flowers in St Ann's Square in Manchester. GETTY IMAGES

bow. I can't get over this I never will," she captioned that photo.

Saffie Rose Roussos was the second victim identified. The 8-year-old student attended the

concert with her mother and older sister, who are thought to be in the hospital, the BBC reported.

A third victim, John Atkinson, was identified Tuesday. The 26-year-old, whom friends described as a "true gentleman," was from nearby Bury, according to the Manchester Evening News.

The Islamic State claimed responsibility for the attack, which was allegedly carried out by a 22-year-old suicide bomber, identified as Salman Abedi. A 23-year-old was arrested in connection to the explosion.

"This attack stands out for its appalling, sickening cowardice, deliber-

ately targeting innocent, defenseless children and young people who should have been enjoying one of the most memorable nights of their lives," Prime Minister Theresa May said.

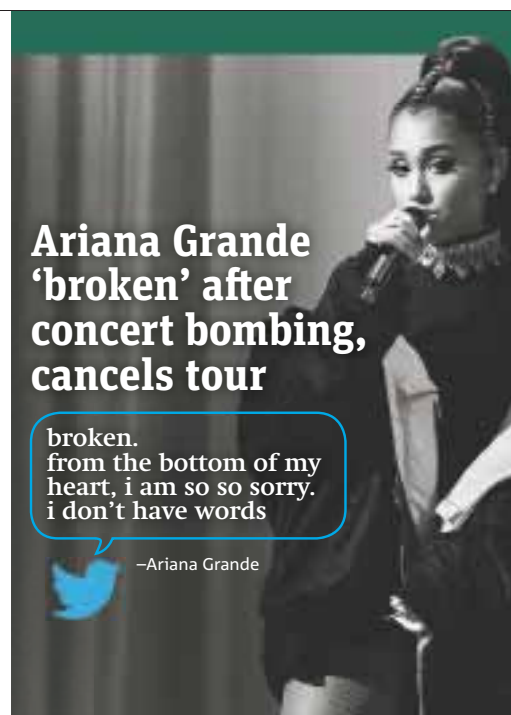
President Trump denounced the attack during a news conference, saying he "won't call them 'monsters' because they would like that term. They would think that's a great name. I will call them from now on 'losers.' Because that's what they are, they're losers. And we'll have more of them, but they're losers, just remember that."

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## Ariana Grande 'broken' after concert bombing, cancels tour

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Gov. Cuomo has announced a competition to stir up new approaches on how to improve the city's subway system. GETTY IMAGES

# Gov. Cuomo issues challenge to help modernize the subway system

The governor is asking for "outside-the-box" thinking to help improve the MTA.

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On Tuesday, Gov. Andrew Cuomo proposed the MTA Genius Transit Challenge, an international competition meant to reimagine solutions to the systemic problems faced by the NYC subway.

Aiming to increase the number of trains per hour at peak periods, Gov. Cuomo's office indicated in a statement that the competition will bring together "outside-the-box" ideas to address three of the subway's most vexing problems: the problem-prone signal system, aging train cars and inconsistent WiFi connectivity.

The state will provide \$1 million awards to be issued to the best ideas in each of the three categories, the governor's statement explained. Eight panelists will be involved in that selection process and will include notable individuals in academia, including Cornell Tech. Dean and Vice Provost Daniel Huttenlocher and SUNY Chancellor-elect Kristina Johnson, and individuals in the business world, such as Motorola Solutions Chairman and CEO Greg Brown.

Regarding the subway's aging signal system, the competition is meant to foster ideas for accelerating the implementation of better and more reliable signals to alleviate the strain on the existing fixed-block signal system, which was designed more

than 100 years ago and requires constant repair, according to the statement. Pointing to train-car doors as a main culprit for train malfunctions, the competition will also focus on generating ideas for increasing and improving predictive maintenance rather than corrective maintenance for the subway's aging trains.

WiFi connectivity, though available in stations, is still unavailable in tunnels because they are narrow, which presents difficulties in distributing cables and other needed equipment, according to the governor's office.

The governor's challenge was unveiled alongside a plan to address the ongoing repairs, problems and cancellations that have frustrated commuters at Penn Station in recent months. To that end, the governor announced a variety of approaches to help alleviate strain on the over-capacity train station, including expanding Park and Ride operations, amending restrictions on LIE HOV lanes, and adding high-speed Long Island ferry service and private express bus service.

Demand for increased transit service is at a historic high, with the NYC subway's daily ridership reaching 6 million people commuting along 665 miles of track, and Penn Station's daily ridership totaling 600,000 passengers – more than triple its intended capacity, according to the governor.

The international MTA Genius Transit Challenge competition will convene in June. For information about how to participate, visit [www.ny.gov/MTA\\_GeniusTransitChallenge](http://www.ny.gov/MTA_GeniusTransitChallenge).

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# Fans save Brooklyn's iconic Biggie Smalls mural from development

An outpouring of support from as far off as Atlanta helped save a beloved Brooklyn mural of rapper Notorious B.I.G.



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Who needs California love when you've got the whole of the East Coast rooting for you?

The beloved three-story mural of Brooklyn rap legend Biggie Smalls at Bedford Avenue and Quincy Street will stay intact after a weeklong campaign by Notorious B.I.G. fans.

"Thank you Brooklyn! And a very very



The giant Biggie Smalls mural at Bedford Avenue and Quincy Street in Bed-Stuy was threatened by a renovation project. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

special thanks to the landlords for recognizing the importance of Biggie in this neighborhood!" the creative

collective Spread Art NY wrote on Instagram.

The King of NY mural created in 2015 by Naoufal "Rocko" Alaoui

and Scott "Zimer" Zimmerman had been threatened because of a renovation project that would've added win-

dows to the building's facade, according to Spread Art.

To offset what landlord Solomon Berkow-

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which would've had to be crowdfunded — to keep the mural intact, but Berkowitz wanted \$1,250 a month.

"At this point, there is nothing Spread Art NYC can do to save this mural," Spread Art wrote on Instagram on May 15. "We will continue to serve our neighborhoods regardless!! We always say, Brooklyn is Biggie and Biggie is Brooklyn. A landlord can NEVER change that!"

It's safe to say

not to go through with the renovations.



Biggie Smalls, born Christopher Wallace, remains a local legend in Brooklyn.

from Brooklyn residents all the way up to U.S. Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-Brooklyn) and as far as Atlanta.

Among the gestures of support was a petition to grant the mural landmark status — a move that Spread the Love declined to back in a now-deleted Instagram post, reminding everyone that there but for the grace of landlords goes all street art. Their post announc-

*"Thank you Brooklyn! And a very very special thanks to the landlords for recognizing the importance of Biggie in this neighborhood!"*

Spread Art NY

Berkowitz didn't suddenly become a patron of the arts in the past week, but the landlord isn't commenting directly on his decision

Since the Instagram post announcing the mural's imminent loss went up on May 15, Spread Art has been inundated with support

ing the mural victory closes with: "PLEASE if you see the landlords, THANK them for this generous gift to our community!!"

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# Why Knee Arthritis Sufferers Of Almost All Ages Are Opting For Newest Medical Procedures Before Surgery . . .

*Fraction of the cost, minimal risk and little to no downtime amongst top reasons*

By Matt Edgar

America's Health Writer

**New York City** - Everyone has said it at one time or another. If I had only known about "this" sooner - things would be very different today.

That's what many knee arthritis pain sufferers are saying about this technology and treatment.

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**What is the "correct treatment?"**

*"That depends," said the director. "There is no one answer when it comes to medical conditions. Knee arthritis is no different. That's why, if you have knee pain, you should have it evaluated by a doctor who deals with and treats knee pain every day," added the director.*

For many knee arthritis pain sufferers the right treatment is Viscosupplementation whereby a preparation of Hyaluronic acid a gel-like FDA approved medicine is applied directly into the knee joint using *Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology*.

Hyaluronic acid is the natural lubricant and shock absorber of your joints and is found to be decreased in arthritis sufferers. This is similar to running your car without oil. Obviously, the sooner you put oil back in the car - the less damage will be done. That's why some doctors feel early viscosupplementation gets the best results and is so important for avoiding surgery.

The director believes one of the most important factors for the success of viscosupplementation is making sure you are getting it into the joint space precisely. That's why the doctors at **NY Pain MD** use advanced imaging technology to apply *Precision Arthritis Targeting* during every treatment.

A device called the "C-Arm" allows the doctor to see into the joint and actually watch the medicine be applied exactly where it is supposed to. Research shows that performing procedures without Precision Arthritis Targeting (P.A.T.T.) can result in missing the joint space as much as 30% of the time. If you had viscosupplementation treatments without Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology and did not get good results - this may be why.



*"If you have knee arthritis pain, viscosupplementation might be the answer you are looking for. The keys are not wait, get a good evaluation from an expert and make sure precision arthritis targeting is used to make sure you have the best chance for success."*

**Can This Be Avoided?** Total knee replacement is serious surgery requiring months of rehabilitation. Some doctors think modern treatments done early enough can keep baby boomers from going under the knife.



## **Normal Pain-Free Knee Joint** **Everyone Wants Proof:**

In the artist simulated drawings, picture #1 is a normal, pain-free knee. There is no arthritis and the knee can move and bend freely without pain.



## **Knee With Painful Arthritis** **Pain -**

Illustration shown is a knee joint with painful xosteo-arthritis. Arthritis causes the joint space to decrease, grinding, stiffness, decreased motion, bone spurs, swelling and a lot of pain.



## **Research Shows Doctors Miss The Joint Space Up To 30% Of The Time Without Advanced Imaging** **Failed Treatment -**

The injection (Lubrication medicine) misses the joint space. Research shows this occurs up to 30% of the time without the use of the digital imaging to guide the injection. This is why lubrication medicine may not have worked for you



## **Lubrication Medicine Injected Directly Into Knee Joint Like "Joint Oil" using Precision Targeting Technology** **Successful Treatment -**

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## Like "Joint Oil"

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## Can Supplements Do The Same Thing?

No. Glucosamine and chondroitin and other supplements are much different. You can only get this from a doctor and it often helps knee pain sufferers who got limited or no success from glucosamine and chondroitin. Beware of unsubstantiated claims made by supplements to do what this advanced medical procedure does.

## Why You Should Try This Even If You've Already Had Similar Treatments Without Results...

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# Reports: Trump retains Marc Kasowitz as private attorney for Russia probe

Kasowitz has represented Trump for more than 15 years but he is not known as a criminal defense lawyer. He would likely need to add other lawyers with expertise in that field to his team.



Marc Kasowitz GETTY IMAGES

He also assisted in the defense of fraud claims against Trump University, a series of real-estate seminars. After the election, Trump settled the claims for \$25 million.

Trump has looked to Kasowitz's firm to fill positions in his administration. He has described former Senator Joseph Lieberman, a senior counsel at the firm, as a top candidate to serve as FBI director and is considering Edward McNally, a white-collar defense lawyer at the firm, as the next U.S. attorney in Manhattan. A former partner at the firm, David Friedman, was chosen by Trump as U.S. ambassador to Israel.

Kasowitz also represents OJSC Sberbank of Russia, the country's largest bank, which is being accused in a U.S. federal court of conspiring with granite company executives and others to raid the assets of a competitor. The outside counsel would be separate from the White House Counsel's Office, led by Donald McGahn.

Mueller was appointed as special counsel by the Justice Department last week to investigate the Trump campaign's possible ties to Russia. Several congressional committees and the FBI are also investigating the matter. **REUTERS**

President Donald Trump has tapped a longtime legal adviser to serve as his private attorney as a special counsel investigates whether his campaign worked with Russia in last year's election, news media reported on Tuesday.

Fox Business News and

ABC reported that Trump hired Marc Kasowitz, a New York-based trial lawyer known as a tenacious litigator, to represent him in a Justice Department investigation headed by former Federal Bureau of Investigation Director Robert Mueller.

"He can be aggressive - he's got that in him for sure," said John Quinn, of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart and Sullivan, who has worked with and opposite Kasowitz. "He also can be smooth as silk, respectful and deferential."

During last year's presidential campaign, Kasowitz threatened to sue the New York Times if it did not retract a story about women who accused Trump of touching them inappropriately. The Times did not retract the story.

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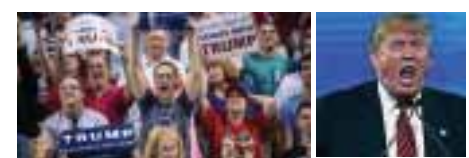
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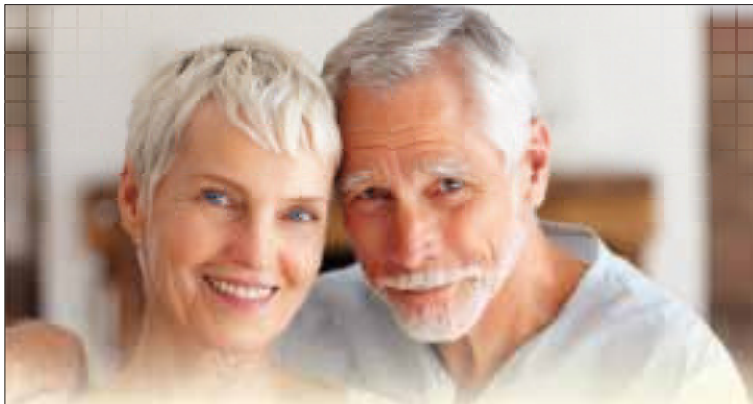
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# Trump seeks to slash \$3.6 trillion of spending in austere budget

Republicans are under pressure to deliver on promised tax cuts, the cornerstone of the administration's pro-business economic agenda.

President Donald Trump wants lawmakers to cut \$3.6 trillion in government spending over the next decade, taking aim in an austere budget unveiled Tuesday at health-care and food-assistance programs for the poor while boosting the military.

Republicans who control the Congress — and the federal purse strings — will decide whether to make politically sensitive cuts, and the proposal is unlikely to be approved in its current form.

Although it is not expected to survive on Capitol Hill, the proposal puts numbers on Trump's vision of the role of government: a budget with radical cuts to government assistance to lower-income Americans.

The biggest savings would come from cuts to the Medicaid healthcare program for the poor made as part of a Republican healthcare bill passed by the House of Representatives.

Trump wants lawmakers to cut more than \$800 billion from Medicaid, and more than \$192 billion from food stamps

over a decade. He seeks to balance the budget by the end of the decade, according to the plan.

The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a bipartisan public policy organization, said the plan relied on "rosy assumptions," gimmicks and unrealistic cuts.

The budget is based on forecasts for economic growth of 3 percent a year by the end of Trump's first term — well beyond Congressional Budget Office assumptions of 1.9 percent growth.

"While we appreciate the administration's focus on reducing the debt, when using more realistic assumptions, the president's budget does not add up," said Maya MacGuineas, the group's president.

There is some new spending in Trump's plan for fiscal year 2018, which starts in October.

The Pentagon would get a spending hike, and there would be a \$1.6 billion down payment to begin building a wall along the border with Mexico, which was a central promise of Trump's presidential campaign.

Trump's proposal foresees selling half of the U.S. emergency oil stockpile,



Mick Mulvaney discusses the proposed federal budget. GETTY IMAGES

created in 1975 after the Arab oil embargo caused fears of price spikes. The announcement surprised oil markets and briefly pulled down U.S. crude prices.

But their policy agenda has stalled as the White House grapples with the political fallout from allegations of Russian meddling in the 2016 election.

Mick Mulvaney, Trump's budget office director, said the plan is the first one in a long time to pay attention to taxpayers.

Republican leaders in the House said lawmakers would be able to find common ground with the budget plan.

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*"Yes, you have to have compassion for folks who are receiving the federal funds, but also you have to have compassion for the folks who are paying it."* Mulvaney

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# Ariana Grande returns to US following Manchester bombing

Grande, 23, was seen in photographs posted on the Daily Mail website walking down the steps of a private plane at an airport in her hometown of Boca Raton, Florida, and being met by family members.

Ariana Grande returned to the United States on Tuesday, one day after a suicide bomber killed 22 people at the singer's concert in Manchester, England, as questions lingered over whether she would continue her European tour.

The Daily Mail images showed the diminutive pop star dressed casually



Ariana Grande GETTY IMAGES

in sweats and appearing downcast as she greeted her boyfriend, the rapper Mac Miller, on the tarmac and getting into a waiting car.

Grande had not been seen publicly since an explosion ripped through the packed Manchester Arena at the end of her performance there. Some of the 22

people who died in the attack were teens or young girls. Grande was apparently unharmed.

British police have identified the man suspected of carrying out the massacre as 22-year-old Salman Abedi, who was born in Manchester to parents of Libyan origin. Islamic State claimed responsibility for what it called revenge against "Crusaders," but there appeared to be contradictions in its account of the operation.

Despite speculation that she would cancel the rest of the tour, no formal announcement had been made as of Tuesday. Grande's manager, Scooter Braun, did not respond to requests for comment by Reuters.

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# "RIP Mr Bond": 007 actor Roger Moore dead at 89

Actor Roger Moore, who earned international fame playing British secret agent James Bond in seven movies, died of cancer on Tuesday at the age of 89, his family said.

His 12 years as action man 007, the fictitious spy with a voracious appetite for danger and sex, made Moore a millionaire and a heart-throb the world over, though in reality he was a shy, private man who found some of Bond's escapades embarrassing.

"It is with a heavy heart that we must announce our loving father, Sir Roger Moore, has passed away today in Switzerland after a short but brave battle with cancer," his three children announced in a statement on his Twitter account.

Tributes poured in from celebrities including actors Russell Crowe and Mia Farrow and

from UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, for which he worked as a "goodwill ambassador".

The official Twitter feed of British composer Andrew Lloyd Webber posted, "Farewell dearest Roger, All our love" while U.S. reality TV star Kris Jenner dubbed Moore "the ultimate James Bond".

"Breaking Bad" star Bryan Cranston tweeted: "Saddened @sirroger moore passed today. Had a great chat about acting & life 6 mo. ago. Generous and kind. RIP Mr. Bond."

The son of a London policeman, Moore once said the upper-crust image he portrayed both on and off the screen was a carefully nurtured cover for his shyness and timidity.

"I couldn't walk into a restaurant on my own for 20 or 30 years ...," he



Sir Roger Moore GETTY IMAGES

once said, saying that all changed when he found fame in the role. "(But) that's not really me. Timid me would rather stay home and have a sandwich."

Moore said he was terrified by the stunts he had to perform as Bond and would steel himself before facing the cameras in sex scenes with a mixture of Valium and beer. REUTERS

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## Boring: Katy Perry confirms Taylor Swift beef

In a desperate bid for attention, Katy Perry has confirmed her so-called beef with rival Taylor Swift. Yawn.

On last night's "Carpool Karaoke," a somehow very popular segment on "The Late Late Show," the 32-year-old — yes, THIRTY-TWO — told James Corden what you told your mother at age 8: Taylor Swift started it.

"She started it, and it's time for her to finish it," she said. "I tried to talk to her about it, and she wouldn't speak to me... [I got] a

\*Rolls eyes until they spasm and fall out\*

full shut-down, and then she writes

a song about me ['Bad Blood']. ... That's how you want to deal with it? Karma."

This is getting tired. Katy Perry and Taylor

Swift, 27, are too old for this tomfoolery. All I see are two women of privilege who are so bored with their mansions and their money and their fame that the only way to bide their time through this slog we call life

is to pick fights with each other over nothing. They're literally mad at each other over backup dancers.

This could also very well be a poorly planned ploy to boost album sales but either way, I'm over it.



What a night.

## This season of "The Bachelorette" should be interesting, I guess

Monday night, "The Bachelorette" premiered featuring Rachel Lindsay, the series' first black lead. As a newcomer to the show, I was all like, "Is this for real?" Turns out it is! Here are the most-WTF moments from the premiere.

Adam brought along with him AJ, a voodoo doll missing its pins.

It was really creepy.

Meet the 32nd bachelorette!

elior, everybody!

Neo-Nazi Richard Spencer is a bad dude. Blake E. is a contestant that talks about his penis a lot and maybe has a sex addiction. Do they look alike? Kind of!

Rachel has her first kiss with Bryan. His whole thing is that he is Colombian and fluent in Spanish, and boy, it's taking him far. I would prefer him to be spending his time with Rachel working through the subjunctive, but hey. Despite being black and named Rachael, I'm not

the Bachelorette!

Rachel chooses "NSYNC over Backstreet Boys. WTF?! I mean, maybe it's the right decision. "NSYNC had more hits, but Backstreet Boys have more songs that play in your local grocery store.

I'm saving the absolute worst for last. Lucas is an obnoxious (probably contractual) nightmare. I am very convinced that he will make some woman very unhappy one day, and that woman will not be Rachel.

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## A buddy comedy starring Rihanna and Lupita is all I've ever wanted

Thanks to the magic of Twitter, there's going to be a buddy comedy starring Rihanna and Lupita Nyong'o. Because it's the future, and anything is possible!

According to Jezebel, the movie idea started on Tumblr, migrated to Twitter and its next step is a fully formed film. Ava DuVernay will direct, and Issa Rae of "Insecure" will write. This is some real

#blackgirlmagic, OK?

Last year, Twitter user @1800SADGAL noted that in this picture, "Rihanna looks like she scams rich white men and lupita is the computer smart best friend that helps plan the [scams]." The tweet went viral. Rihanna and Lupita agreed — hey, this is a damn fine idea. Ava DuVernay was all, I'm in! Issa Rae was like, I'm writing it now. Things were hypotheti-

cally happening!

Now, after an aggressive round of bidding, Netflix has won the rights. I would say let's not get too excited until we have tangible proof, but Ryan Phillippe's thirsty ass already has thrown his hat in the ring, too.

"I'm down to play the rich white [man], jus sayin," he wrote on Twitter.

This is gonna be fun.

## Nicki Minaj is dating Nas, apparently

Nicki Minaj appears to be dating — or at the very least having celibate sleepovers with —

Nas.

The 34-year-old rapper stopped by "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" to spill on her new relationship. "We're both from Queens," she told Ellen. "He is the King of Queens and I'd like to think I am the Queen of Queens. He is a rap legend. I have a lot of respect for him. And he's cute, too."

Minaj also dished on her plans to stay celibate. Because, I don't even know. No quips. I'm all out of quips and firmly in a place where I just can't. "I'm just chillin' right now,"

she admitted. "I'm celibate. I wanted to go a year without dating any man. I hate men... I might make an exception to the rule for him 'cause he's so dope." Oh, dear.

Rumors have been flying about their romance since Minaj shared a photo of her and Nas, 43, on her Instagram. They looked very cozy. "Only KINGS recognize QUEENS," she wrote, abusing the privilege of all-caps. Sure.

Congrats to the happy maybe couple!



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# How to get Shakespeare in the Park tickets

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To be or not to be at Shakespeare in the Park is not the question.

The free outdoor productions of William Shakespeare's works in Central Park have been a tradition since 1954, earning them a spot on any proper New York summer bucket list.

Set inside the bucolic Delacorte Theater, this year's shows are officially underway with the timely tale of how to deal with a tyrant in "Julius Caesar" through June 18. Then comes the whimsical story of love and mistaken identity (which, come to think of it, describes several of Shakespeare's plays) with "A Midsummer Night's Dream" from July 11-Aug. 13.

Shows always start at



Shakespeare in the Park should be on every New York summer bucket list. TAMMY SHELL

8 p.m., with cancellations due to weather extremely rare — and if you don't mind a little drizzle, you're much more likely to score last-minute tickets. Check the schedule at [publictheater.org](http://publictheater.org) as performance days vary.

Here's your guide, with new info for 2017, on how to get tickets to Shakespeare in the Park.

## Stand in line

Your best chance is waiting in the daily ticket distribution line. It can start at the 81st Street entrance before the park even opens at 6 a.m., then moves to the Delacorte Theater (81 Central Park West at 68th Street) until noon, when tickets are distributed for each day's performance. Each

person 5 and older (teach kids the value of a hard morning's waiting!) gets a pair of tickets, though note that you can only do this twice for each play.

## Stand in another line

If you have a job that doesn't allow you to stand in line for the first half of the workday, there's a standby line

for unclaimed tickets at the Delacorte Theater. It opens shortly after noon once all the tickets are distributed to the regular line, but you can arrive during what would normally be happy hour with a decent chance at tickets, which are distributed beginning at 7:30 p.m.

## Go to the outer boroughs

The Public Theater will hand out ticket vouchers in all five boroughs on specific dates between noon and 2 p.m. to that night's performance (up to two per person). Vouchers must be redeemed between 5 and 7:30 p.m. at the Delacorte Theater. Visit [publictheater.org](http://publictheater.org) for the full list of sites.

## Enter the digital lottery

The online lottery will once again be held through the TodayTix app (iPhone and Android). Try your luck between midnight and noon on each performance day for two tickets, with winners announced between noon

at 2:15 p.m. You've got 45 minutes to claim your tickets and must pick them up at the Delacorte by 7:30 p.m.

## Try the in-person lottery

Feeling lucky? Get to the Public Theater lobby (425 Lafayette St. at Astor Place) starting at 11 a.m. to sign up for a chance at vouchers for two tickets to that night's performance. The lottery will be drawn at noon, and winners can redeem their vouchers from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Delacorte.

## Make a donation

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# Topher Grace thinks Brad Pitt makes all the best movies now

The actor talks "War Machine" and his love of Bob Odenkirk.



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Topher Grace has had a crazy career. He could have been Eric Forman, his deadpanning "That '70s Show" everydude, forever. Instead, he's always taken roles that broke away from that type. He was an entitled rich kid druggie in "Traffic." He was a comic book villain in "Spider-Man 3." He was a bureaucratic baddie in "Predators." Now he's in "War Machine," playing Matt Little, a douchey press advisor who winds up in Afghanistan during the Obama presidency. Brad Pitt both produced the satirical comedy and stars as a character based on disgraced Gen. Stanley McChrystal, who was sent to America's other recent big war to sort out the counter-insurgency. What everyone there found



Topher Grace plays Matt Little, a press agent who finds himself working in Afghanistan in "War Machine," on Netflix this Friday. **NETFLIX**

was a hot mess not even the mightiest of military brass could fix.

**I know you're a big fan of "Mr. Show," Bob Odenkirk and David Cross' classic sketch comedy show. You haven't yourself done a lot of that kind of comedy, apart from hosting "Saturday Night Live" back in 2005.**

I remember feeling like, "Oh, I'm not very good at sketch comedy!" [Laughs] It's a real skill. I really

gained more respect for people who have it. Like Melissa McCarthy, who can just go in there and nail it. When I was on there I just wound up playing the normal guy in every sketch — the guy who's setting up another character. Which I was totally fine with, because I'm not good at that stuff.

**You don't think you can do wacky characters?** No. When I arrived there on the first day, when

they read through all the sketches, I realized, "This isn't really my jam." I was on a sitcom, but even there I enjoyed the quieter moments a little more. But if you look at Bob Odenkirk, he's someone who's great at



both. I can't even imagine how to do that. In that new "Bob & David" thing [the "Mr. Show" reunion show from Netflix], they did this sketch where Bob's a bible salesman. And he was combining real AMC drama-level stuff with outlandish comedy. My hat's off to anyone who can do both.

**"War Machine's" funny, too, but not in a wacky way. It's more satirical.**

This is a different kind of funny. It's not "ha ha funny." It's "this is happening this week" ironic funny. It's hard to do something like this, an account of what really happened, without humor. But David Michod [the writer/director] had the balls to sugarcoat the pill. That's a great way to get more people to take a look at

something they should have more information about. Me included. I kind of remember when Gen. McChrystal was fired, but I didn't know enough about it or about the counter-insurgency.

**I always worry movies like "War Machine" won't be seen or even made. It's a big-budget movie that's not about superheroes, and it almost certainly only exists because Brad Pitt took it to Netflix himself.**

Brad's really smart. His company is producing all the great films right now, including "Moonlight" and "The Big Short" and "12 Years a Slave." Since we made the film, more actors are going to Netflix. But Brad was smart to do it first. I don't think it would have been made or been seen otherwise. Now it's something you can watch. And it sparks conversation. When I saw it with my representatives and my wife, we all started talking afterwards. It's one of those films.



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There's a lot of great television out there, and new series are constantly popping up (especially from Britain). If you're addicted to TV like the rest of us, there are always more must-see shows for you to add to your never-ending watch list.

Luckily, because there are so many shows, there's something for everyone — from the feel-goods to the critically adored. There is so much to explore outside the mainstream, we're bringing you a guide to five under-the-radar shows for your next binge fest. These overlooked shows may not be new, exactly, but they pack an enjoyable punch.

## "CRAZYHEAD" (NETFLIX)



Oh, just fightin' demons and making lifelong friends over here.  
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Here's another British show to satisfy your inner Anglophile. From the creator of "Misfits," "Crazyhead" brings women and empowerment to the forefront. Amy (Cara Theobald) discovers she's a seer, with the ability to see demons hiding in plain sight. She reluctantly teams up with Raquel (Susan Wokoma), a hunter who revels in showing said demons who's boss.

Of course, things go terribly wrong. Best friends are accidentally possessed. Raquel uncovers her past — one that is unpleasant to confront. But at the end of the day, these girls kick ass, and watching their friendship blossom is a thing of beauty. It's a modern-day "Buffy" with British sensibilities.

## "LOVESICK" (NETFLIX)



The gang's all here on "Lovesick." NETFLIX

Sometimes you don't need a fine wine, because the perfectly reasonable Trader Joe's option will do. That's kind of what "Lovesick" is like. Formerly known as "Scrotal Recall," it follows Dylan (Johnny Flynn), a die-hard romantic, as he goes through a Rolodex of past lovers to tell them about his, uh, STD situation.

Zigzagging between past and present, there are love triangles, broken engagements and impossibly chic condos! And while Dylan sometimes tips into annoying, his friends Evie (Antonia Thomas) and Luke (Daniel Ings) make the ride all the more fun.

## "CHEWING GUM" (NETFLIX)

You could easily mistake "Chewing Gum" as the same old, same old. The series follows Tracey — played gloriously by Michaela Coel, who also writes and directs — a 20-something-year-old virgin stifled by her family's intense religious trappings.

But Tracey's nonstop self-assurance leads her to a variety of shenanigans, including a misguided, Beyoncé-inspired seduction. Through it all, Tracey never gives up. And Coel uses the space to slyly eviscerate male entitlement and white privilege while maintaining a positive outlook on sex and sexual liberation.



Michaela Coel shines bright as Tracey in "Chewing Gum." NETFLIX

## "MAN SEEKING WOMAN" (FXX, HULU)



If, for some reason, you've always wondered what magical realism looks like from a millennial perspective, "Man Seeking Woman" is for you. For three seasons, the FXX series, followed Josh (Jay Baruchel) on his very bumpy, fantastical quest for love, seasoned with appearances from trolls, sex aliens and in one episode, Santa Claus himself.

The show changed a lot throughout its three-year span, allowing its characters to evolve and grow with it. But it always managed to be a mash up of your favorite romantic comedies with a large helping of some near "Pan's Labyrinth" style terror.

Jay Baruchel gets pensive as Josh in the critically adored "Man Seeking Woman." FXX

## "FLEABAG" (AMAZON PRIME)



Fleabag chillin' with her hamster. NETFLIX

"Fleabag" manages to be both like nothing you've ever seen and very familiar. In the six-episode series, Phoebe Waller-Bridge stars as the titular Fleabag, a woman as antiheroic as she is hilarious.

The series picks up after the death of Fleabag's best friend and explores the often-fragile nature of our relationships: platonic, familial and romantic. And while the show seesaws majestically from hilarious to depressing, the greatest pleasure of all is when Fleabag consults conspiratorially with her audience, breaking the fourth wall — and turning the unlikable-female-character trope on its head.

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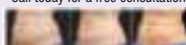
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# South Bronx condo boom has yet to arrive

Rentals remain dominant in Mott Haven, but some believe the condo wave is coming.

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Real estate in the South Bronx may be booming,

but for now, prospective movers are much more likely to find an apartment than a condominium.

Mott Haven, the neighborhood at the center of the South Bronx development rush, currently has about 20,000 existing rental units with roughly 1,758 more on the way, according to data from The Real Deal. However,

only three condo projects in the neighborhood have been filed over the past 10 years, one of which was abandoned.

Andrew Gerringer, managing director at the Marketing Directors, said it was typical for an emerging market like Mott Haven to see rental units arrive before condos, as the first wave of people moving into a

new neighborhood generally want to make sure they can leave if things don't work out.

"The artists and the restaurants come in first," he said. "The apartment developers come in second, and the condo developers come in after them."

The only condo project that has been completed in the neighbor-

hood is Bronx Bricks at 305 E. 140th St. The 11-unit building was completed in 2008, with an approved sellout of \$5.6 million.

Linda Cunningham, who was the managing member of Bronx Bricks LLC during the project's development and still lives in the building, said the condo was fully occupied, and residents who have opted to sell have doubled their initial investments. However, the majority of owners didn't move into Bronx Bricks to flip their units, she said.

"Most people who bought it this time had pretty good social values and were really not interested in changing the neighborhood to have a new Starbucks," she said, "but wanted to affect it positively for the residents who were already here."

Cunningham said she was not surprised at the slow pace of condo development in Mott Haven. While Bronx Bricks was being built, people told her to opt for rentals, since they're easier to make a profit on.

While larger projects coming to the neighborhood — such as Carnegie Management's 130-unit building at 23 Bruckner Blvd. and Somerset Partners' massive project with the Chetrit Group along the waterfront — will be either mostly or entirely rental units, at least one new condo project is on its way to Mott Haven at 225 E. 138th St.

Tahoe Development is planning a 47-unit building, with a projected sellout of \$25.3 million. The firm bought the site for \$2.8 million in 2015 and had initially planned an 11-story rental building but switched to a seven-story condo to reduce costs and better serve the needs of the neighborhood, according to Anthony Gurino, president of Tahoe.

"The neighborhood calls for it," Gurino said, adding that other developers have condos in the pipeline. "... Three to seven people a week are emailing us or calling to be on the list for condos."

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# Which NY sports venue holds the most social media-consumed fans?

HYP3R has created a metric to measure which fans are on their phones the most while at sporting events.



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We've all been there. We get to our seats at our favorite team's venue just before a game, and before you can say, "play ball," the phones are out and we are snapping pictures whether it's of ourselves, our food, the field/court/rink, or that guy wearing a Chad Pennington jersey at a Mets game.

It's 2017, man. Come on.

Regardless, you have to make sure that you flood your newsfeed or Instagram with photos of your attendance at each game. Pics or it didn't happen, am I right?

On Monday, marketing platform HYP3R released its "geosocial index," which allows businesses and venues, like stadiums, to track activity on social media.

"This isn't about one person, this is an aggregate number posting from a location across multiple social networks," HYP3R CEO Carlos Garcia said. "And so we thought, 'Can we track that and can we rank them?' So we normalized that data with a component of capacity, saying a stadium of this size should generate this much social media activity."

So the "HYP3R Score" was born. The metric ranks locations on a scale of 0-100 "based on the volume of social activity happening."

That includes the number of users posting and the reach of each specific over a certain period of time.

HYP3R maintains weekly rankings that change daily and monthly records as well.

With the NBA and Stanley Cup playoffs going on, it is surprisingly a pair of baseball venues that currently top the list.

Boston's Fenway Park,

home of the Red Sox, and the Bronx's Yankee Stadium are Nos. 1 and 2. Fenway Park has aggregated a HYP3R score of 100 while Yankee Stadium is a 99.

Quicken Loans Arena, home of the Cleveland Cavaliers who are currently in the Eastern Conference finals, is third with a 98.

Among other New York-area stadiums and arenas, the Mets' Citi Field scored a 92 (15th in the United States), Barclays Center a 90 (19th), MetLife Stadium an 89 (21st), Madison Square Garden an 86 (50th), Prudential Center an 85 (64th) and Red Bull Arena an 83 (82nd).

With the Giants, Jets, Knicks, Rangers, Nets and Islanders' seasons over, the numbers coming in from MetLife, MSG and the Barclays are from non-sporting events like concerts and graduations. Once their seasons start back up in the fall, expect those numbers to noticeably increase.

But could this metric also show the least atten-

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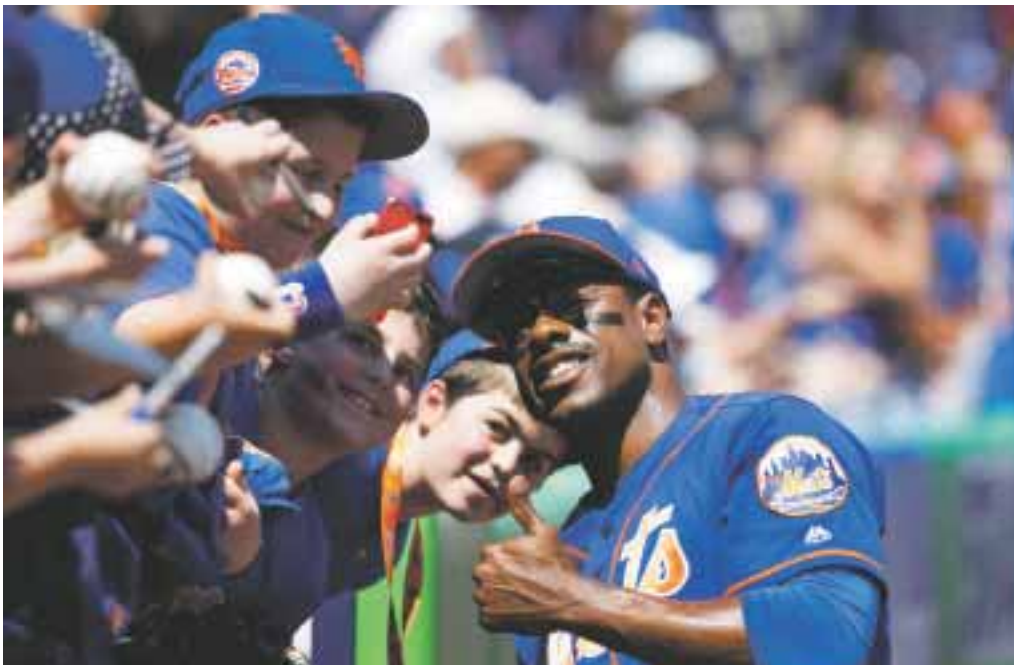
tive fans in sports?

The more fans that are in attendance, the higher a venue's score will be. However, it could show the markets in which patrons look at a game more as a social event instead of a vital part of everyday life, which many fans see sports as.

Especially in New York, we have seen the lower sections of venues filled to the brim with suits and celebrities that seemingly care more about their image than the outcome of the game.

But that's not how Garcia sees it.

"It reflects the engagement of fans at the game. Yes, they're posting and we could see it as a distraction, but for the most part, they're sharing their excitement and in-game experience with friends and



It's a well-known fact that fans love to take to social media at pro sporting events. But now there is a measurement for it. GETTY IMAGES

followers," he said. "It's very much contextual to an excited fan that is cheering for their team and letting their friends and followers know that they're having a great time at the game. And some get very technical with their thoughts. Everyone is a commentator these days."

It also could add on to the theory of which sports bore fans more. While hockey and basketball provide non-stop action, football has an average of only 12 minutes of gameplay and baseball has plenty of downtime built in.

Less action and instant gratification force people to their phones. It's just the way it is whether you are sitting on a subway or in a stadium surrounded by 45,000 people.

But for the teams looking to expand their presence on social media, this could become an important tool.

"It's marketing gold," Garcia said. "If I go to a game at Fenway and I'm enjoying the game and posting, I may inspire my friends and followers to go to a game and experience it themselves. I see it not as a metric of distraction, but as an engagement."



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Yankees prospect Gleyber Torres has shown plenty of promise since arriving in the team's farm system. GETTY IMAGES

## Are the majors in Yanks prospect Torres' near future?

The Yankees' top prospect was promoted to triple-A over the weekend.



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New York Yankees top prospect, shortstop Gleyber Torres, isn't wasting any time moving up within the ranks of the team's farm system.

The organization's top prospect and Major League Baseball's No. 2 overall minor leaguer, Torres was promoted from double-A Trenton to triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

It took all of just 32 games for the 20-year-old to prove he was ready to take the next step. In 121 at-bats, he put up a .273/.367/.496 slash with five home runs, 18 RBI and 10 doubles.

His 16 extra base hits amounted for almost half of his season total thanks to quick hands and solid pitch recognition.

"He checked every

box necessary in that league [the Eastern League in double-A]," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman told the New York Post's Joel Sherman.

So should Yankees fans expect Torres to take the next step and make his MLB debut this season?

Well, the answer is somewhat convoluted.

At the moment, life is pretty solid for the big club. The first-place Baby Bombers were 1.5

games ahead of the Baltimore Orioles for first place in the AL East entering Tuesday night.

A middle infield of Starlin Castro and Didi Gregorius seems solid at the moment, but they could be moved around due to the inconsistencies being experienced at the hot corner.

**32**  
GAMES TORRES PLAYED  
IN DOUBLE-A BEFORE  
BEING PROMOTED

Third baseman Chase

Headley experienced a red-hot start to his 2017 season as he batted .409 in his first 15 games. In his following 25 games, he collected just 16 hits in 104 at-bats for a .154 average.

If Headley's struggles continue, Torres could be called up to add some offensive spark.

"He is a shortstop learning second and third," Cashman told Sherman. "This is the best way to prepare him to provide protection in case we need him in the majors."

But it could be a risky move.

The player acquired as a part of the Aroldis Chapman trade last year is one of the youngest players in triple-A right now. If he were called up to the majors, he'd be the youngest in the league.

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# KNICKS 2017 NBA DRAFT PROFILE: FRANK NTLIKINA

With New York picking at No. 8 during the 2017 NBA draft, Metro New York will try and deduce the possible prospects who might fall to them during the first round of the late-June selection process. After looking at NC State's Dennis Smith yesterday, we break down French youngster Frank Ntilikina today.

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## Height and Defense

While it's a little more common to see a point guard with size today, a 6'5" floor general would be a nice addition to New York's backcourt. Ntilikina would provide some added defense at the position, which would be a huge boost to get on that side of the ball. At the FIBA U18 European Championships this winter, he averaged 2.2 steals and 1.2 blocks per game. Paired with his athleticism, the Knicks could acquire a talent that could develop into one of the best two-way guards in the league.

## Control

Ntilikina's game does come with some flaws, however. He has had problems finishing near the basket, which would make his chances at becoming a point guard that can put the ball on the floor and take it to the hoop less likely. If he can improve on scoring while being hit, his game can reach another level.



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## Offensive Threat

While he didn't necessarily show it during his time with Strasbourg in France's top division, Ntilikina has the ability to be a lethal scorer. His outside game is very solid as he averaged over 58 percent from three-point range during the FIBA U18 European Championships. When the shot isn't there, he has no problem finding the open man either as he averaged 4.5 assists per game.

## EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP STATS

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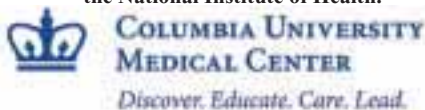
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### Across

- 1 Uses a microwave
- 5 Penicillin, e.g.
- 9 Took steps
- 14 Water or tel.
- 15 Waikiki setting
- 16 Diver's hazard
- 17 Solitary
- 18 Present
- 19 Martini garnish
- 20 Without help
- 22 Blurred
- 24 Lawn
- 26 Financial mag
- 27 Popeye's tattoo
- 30 Bluegrass State
- 35 Shoulder muscles
- 36 Give up land
- 37 Decorated tinware
- 38 Between pi and sigma
- 39 Least speedy
- 42 Narrow inlet
- 43 Assns.
- 45 In a dead heat
- 46 Grace enders
- 48 Easy pickings
- 50 Cauliflower bud
- 51 Late actress Mary --
- 52 Faint with pleasure
- 54 Hoopla
- 58 Curl
- 62 Hang -- (turn)
- 63 Simon or Diamond

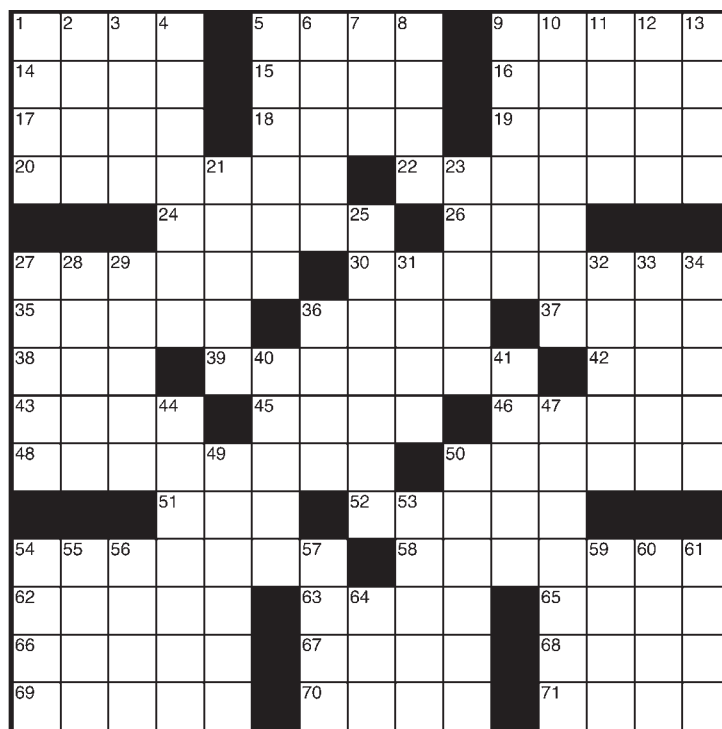
- 65 Pledge
- 66 Long scarf
- 67 Social outing
- 68 Occupation
- 69 Slightly tinted
- 70 Took legal action
- 71 Command to a dog

### Down

- 1 Miniseries "Shaka --"
- 2 Egyptian god
- 3 -- colada
- 4 -- of hand
- 5 Turn down a page (hyph.)

- 6 Attacks
- 7 TV band
- 8 Cleans fish
- 9 Total, say
- 10 Slice of ham (2 wds.)
- 11 Math subj.
- 12 Roof projection
- 13 Did Easter eggs
- 21 Smelting waste
- 23 Back to the salt --
- 25 Barbecue spits
- 27 -- in the bucket
- 28 Hindu statesman
- 29 Thick-soled footwear
- 31 Paradise
- 32 Kitchen tool
- 33 "Soapdish" actor
- 34 Baker's buy
- 36 Small bay
- 40 Crowbar
- 41 Eagle's gripper
- 44 Prepare to deal
- 47 Genghis Khan's people
- 49 Spouted rhetoric
- 50 Villain's lament
- 53 Correspond
- 54 Rapid
- 55 Choir member
- 56 Diner sign
- 57 Puts a stop to
- 59 Milk, to Yves
- 60 Volcano in Sicily
- 61 Not we
- 64 -- de cologne

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easy



hard



## metro.us/horoscopes



**Aries** Uncertainty will make you question what you are doing. If you feel emotionally drained, consider your options. A change is all that's needed to improve your life.



**Taurus** Keep a level head when dealing with partnerships or people trying to get something from you. Strive for equality in order to maintain your integrity and reputation.



**Gemini** If you take care of your responsibilities first, you'll have more fun later in the day doing the things you've been looking forward to. Timing is everything.



**Cancer** Spend time with someone who brings out the best in you. Being a team player will bring good results. Your popularity will grow if you reach out and offer help.



**Leo** Think and do. If you spend too much time talking or trying to iron out your differences with someone, you will not get anything done. Personal gains can be made.



**Virgo** Take part in what's going on around you. Whether you join a group, get together with your peers or attend a lecture, you will learn from the experience.



**Libra** Home improvements can be made. A practical approach will help you achieve your goal. Don't hire someone when you can do the work yourself.



**Scorpio** Taking a day trip with someone you love with will lead to interesting conversations. If you collaborate, good ideas will turn into something concrete.



**Sagittarius** Listen to what others say, but don't get involved in gossip. Meddling in other people's affairs will result in a backlash that could hurt your reputation.



**Capricorn** You'll have a good handle on what's doable, so don't listen to someone trying to get you to invest in something that isn't right for you.



**Aquarius** Keep your thoughts to yourself to avoid getting into an emotionally disruptive discussion. Stay focused on making personal changes that will enhance your well-being.



**Pisces** Share your feelings, plans and concerns with someone you care about. You will get the comfort and help you are looking for if you are honest and heartfelt. **EUGENIA LAST**

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